

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO			<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number	10/769,532
			Filing Date	January 30, 2004
			First Named Inventor	Whirley, Robert G.
			Art Unit	3738
			Examiner Name	Unassigned
			Attorney Docket Number	021630-004500US
Sheet	13	of	16	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>2</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
	0429	WO	98/28115	9/1996	09-18-1997	Meadox Medicals, Inc.		
	0430	WO	97/07751	6/1997	10-18-1997	Medtronic, Inc.		
	0431	WO	97/25938	7/1997	11-19-1997	B. Braun Celsa		
	0432	WO	97/27820	8/1997	02-19-1998	J. Edoga		
	0433	WO	97/33533	9/1997	02-19-1998	Meadox Medicals, Inc.		
	0434	WO	97/37616	10/1997	04-02-1998	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.		
	0435	WO	97/41804	11/1997	07-02-1998	Prograf Medical, Inc.		
	0436	WO	98/06355	2/1998	07-18-1998	Teramed Incorporated		
	0437	WO	98/10806	3/1998	08-08-1998	Impra, Inc.		
	0438	WO	98/12889	4/1998	08-27-1998	Endologix, Inc.		
	0439	WO	98/27894	7/1998	09-11-1998	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.		
	0440	WO	98/30156	7/1998	09-24-1998	H. Spoelstra		
	0441	WO	98/33453	8/1998	10-15-1998	William Cook, Europe A/S		
	0442	WO	98/36708	8/1998	10-15-1998	William Cook, Europe A/S		
	0443	WO	98/38947	9/1998	12-10-1998	S. Samuels		
	0444	WO	98/41167	9/1998	04-07-1999	Anson Medical Limited		
	0445	WO	98/44870	10/1998	05-11-1999	C.R. Bard, Inc.		
	0446	WO	98/44873	10/1998	07-01-1999	Impra, Inc.		
	0447	WO	98/55047	12/1998	08-05-1999	Impra, Inc.		
	0448	WO	99/00073	1/1999	08-12-1999	Triad Vascular Systems, Inc.		
	0449	WO	99/11189	3/1999	08-12-1999	Envitech Corporation		
	0450	WO	99/32051	7/1999	09-23-1999	Teramed Incorporated		
	0451	WO	99/38455	8/1999	12-08-1999	Endologix, Inc.		
	0452	WO	99/39862	8/1999	03-02-2000	Boston Scientific Corp.		
	0453	WO	99/39863	8/1999	09-15-2000	Endologix, Inc.		
	0454	WO	99/47078	9/1999	07-20-2000	Gore Enterprise Holdings		
	0455	WO	99/65419	12/1999	07-27-2000	Gore Enterprise Holdings		
	0456	WO	00/10487	3/2000	08-10-2000	Impra, Inc.		
	0457	WO	00/33789	6/2000	09-08-2000	C. Murch		
	0458	WO	00/42947	7/2000	09-14-2000	Endologix, Inc.		
	0459	WO	00/42948	7/2000	01-11-2001	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.		
	0460	WO	00/44808	A1	08-03-2000	Hubbell et al.		
Examiner Signature		<i>[Signature]</i>			Date Considered	7/13/05		

\* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.  
<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)		<b>Complete If Known</b>	
		Application Number	10/769,532
		Filing Date	January 30, 2004
		First Named Inventor	Whirley, Robert G.
		Art Unit	3738
		Examiner Name	Unassigned
Attorney Docket Number	021630-004500US		
Sheet	14	of	16

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Country Code <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)		
	0461	WO	00/45741	8/2000	01-11-2001	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.
	0462	WO	00/51522	9/2000	09-08-2001	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.
	0463	WO	00/53251	9/2000	03-29-2001	Edwards Lifesciences Corporation
	0464	WO	01/01888	A1	03-28-2001	Impra, Inc.
	0465	WO	01/01887	A1	03-28-2001	Edwards Lifesciences Corporation
	0466	WO	01/15833	A1	04-28-2001	Edwards Lifesciences Corporation
	0467	WO	01/21102		05-03-2001	Edwards Lifesciences Corporation
	0468	WO	01/21107		08-07-2001	Teramed Incorporated
	0469	WO	01/21108		07-28-2001	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.
	0470	WO	01/28458	A1	01-28-2001	Impra, Inc.
	0471	WO	01/30270	A2	08-18-2001	Diseno y Desarrollo Medico, S.A. DE C.V.
	0472	WO	01/39700	A1	08-14-2001	Cook Incorporated
	0473	WO	01/52771	A1	08-28-2001	Cook Incorporated
	0474	WO	01/52914	A1	07-26-2001	Impra Inc. A Subsidiary of C.R.
	0475	WO	01/66037	A2	10-19-2002	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.
	0476	WO	01/66038	A2	04-18-2003	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.
	0477	WO	01/67993	A2	04-03-2003	Scimed Life Systems, Inc.
	0478	WO	01/74270	A2	11-20-2003	Cordis Corporation
	0479	WO	01/82584	A1	12-08-2001	Schoenmakers et al.
	0480	WO	02/100454	A1	11-20-2003	Cordis Corporation
	0481	WO	03/003946	A1	11-20-2003	Cordis Corporation
	0482	WO	03/026713	A1	04-03-2003	Scimed Life Systems Inc.
	0483	WO	03/043539	A1	10-09-2003	Scimed Life Systems Inc.
	0484	WO	03/053495	A2	07-03-2003	TriVascular Inc.
	0485	WO	03/082380	A1	06-08-2003	Scimed Life Systems Inc.
	0486	WO	03/094795	A1	11-28-1990	L. Della Cora, et al.
	0487	WO	03/094797	A1	12-23-1992	W. L. Gore & Associates
	0488	WO	03/094799	A1	02-09-1993	G. Skalkoas

Examiner Signature	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date Considered	7/13/05
-----------------------	--------------------	--------------------	---------

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.  
<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO			<b>Complete if Known</b>		
<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  (use as many sheets as necessary)			Application Number	10/769,532	
			Filing Date	January 30, 2004	
			First Named Inventor	Whirley, Robert G.	
			Art Unit	3738	
			Examiner Name	Unassigned	
			Attorney Docket Number	021630-004500US	
Sheet	12	of	16		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>2</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
12	0399	EP	0 407 568	A1	01-24-1990	W. L. Gore & Associates		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0400	EP	0 473 894	B1	12-13-1985	Impra, Inc.		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0401	EP	0 480 687	A1	04-15-1992	Cook Incorporated		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0402	EP	0 617 930	A1	05-10-1994	Industrial Research B.V.		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0403	EP	0 646 151	A1	04-05-1995	W. L. Gore & Associates		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0404	EP	0 646 365	A1	04-05-1995	J. Parodi		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0405	EP	0 689 806	A2	01-03-1996	Meadox Medicals, Inc.		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0406	EP	0 747 069	B1	08-09-1990	W. L. Gore & Associates		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0407	EP	0 775 472	A3	05-28-1997	Schneider, Inc.		<input type="checkbox"/>
	0408	EP	0 808 140	B1	12-12-2001	C. Timothy		
	0409	EP	0 821 648	B1	06-19-2001	D. Shannon, et al.		
	0410	EP	0 877 582	B1	10-16-2002	C. Campbell, et al.		
	0411	EP	0 997 115	B1	11-29-1990	L. Della Cora, et al.		
	0412	EP	1 029 518	A2	08-23-2000	H. Barone		
	0413	EP	1 093 772	A2	04-25-2001	Boston Scientific Limited		
	0414	EP	1 121 945	A1	12-23-1992	W. L. Gore & Associates		
	0415	EP	1 148 843	B1	04-16-2003	R. Layna, et al.		
	0416	EP	1 208 617	A2	05-29-2002	Cordis Corporation		
	0417	EP	1 212 987	A2	06-12-2002	F. Buralic et al.		
	0418	EP	1 212 988	A2	06-12-2002	Cordis Corporation		
	0419	EP	1 360 967	A1	02-09-1995	G. Skelkeas		
	0420	WO	90/08801	A1	<del>04-12-1995</del> 8/1990	Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine		
	0421	WO	90/14055		<del>04-19-1995</del>	Emory University	11/1990	
	0422	WO	92/22604	A1	<del>05-04-1995</del>	Numed, Inc.	12/1992	
	0423	WO	95/03754		<del>8-22-1995</del>	William Cook Europe A/S	2/1995	
	0424	WO	95/09585		<del>06-15-1995</del>	Cook Incorporated	4/1995	
	0425	WO	95/09586		<del>06-16-1995</del>	Impra, Inc.	4/1995	
	0426	WO	95/11720		<del>03-09-1997</del>	C. Banas et al.	5/1995	
0427	WO	95/18408		<del>07-24-1997</del>	Meadox Medicals, Inc.	6/1995		
0428	WO	98/24308		<del>08-07-1997</del>	W. L. Gore & Associates	8/1996		

Examiner Signature	<i>[Signature]</i>	Date Considered	7/13/05
--------------------	--------------------	-----------------	---------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.  
<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.